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In re application of:

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For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases from
Thermotoga Maritima and Mutants
Thereof**

Confirmation No.: 7438

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Hutson, Richard G.

Atty. Docket: 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM/GLL

Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicant's Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 7, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention cited Office Actions (Documents AT17-AT20) from the following copending applications which are directed to related technical matter:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/526,759, filed December 26, 1995; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/558,421, filed April 26, 2000;

The identification of these Office Actions is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the corresponding applications now or upon issuance of the present

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Applicant has checked the appropriate boxes below.

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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
- ☒ 7. Copies of the cited documents are submitted herewith.

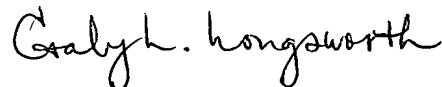
- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
- ☐ 9. No copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted in accordance with 1276 OG 55 because this application was filed after June 30, 2003.
- ☐ 10. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent applications in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 citing ten documents;
3. A copy of the ten cited documents; and
4. One return postcard.

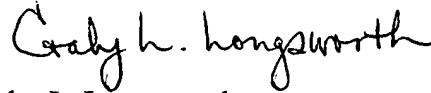
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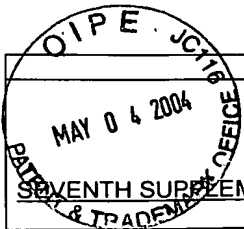
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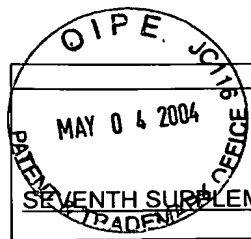
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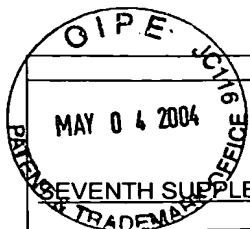
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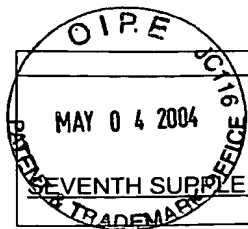
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